IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

SARAH ALLMUBARAK,

Plaintiff,

4:23-CV-3233

vs.

ORDER

MARTIN O'MALLEY, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court upon the Plaintiff's unopposed motion for award of attorney fees pursuant under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) (filing 22), seeking an award of fees in the amount of \$4,320.00, which represents 18 hours of work at rate of \$240 per hour. Filing 22-2.

The Court has determined that plaintiff was the prevailing party in this action, as the application for fees was filed in a timely fashion,² and the Commissioner's decision was remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings on the government's concession that the position of the Commissioner was not substantially justified because the administrative law

¹ The maximum hourly fee of \$125 specified in 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(D)(2)(A) has been adjusted to account for inflation.

² An Equal Access to Justice Act application based on a district court judgment remanding a case pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) must be filed no later than 30 days after the sentence four judgment has been entered and the appeal period has run such that the judgment is no longer appealable. *See Pottsmith v. Barnhart*, 306 F.3d 526, 527-28 (8th Cir. 2002); *see also Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 302 (1993); *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 94-97 (1991).

judge made findings that were not supported by substantial evidence. *See Koss v. Sullivan*, 982 F.2d 1226 (8th Cir. 1993). Therefore, the plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The plaintiff's Motion for Award of Attorney Fees Pursuant under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) (filing 22) is granted.
- 2. By separate document, the Court shall enter judgment for the plaintiff and against the defendant providing that the plaintiff is awarded attorney fees of \$4,320.00.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

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Senior United States District Judge